



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of April 15, 2004

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Frank Scarsella	_____	Bill Grady	_____X	Joe Spink	_____X
Dan Glover	_____	Jim Spaid	_____X	Terry Mattson	_____X
Ray Arnold	_____X	Dean Moberg	_____	Mike Morishige	_____X
Larry Eik	_____X	Jeff Peterson	_____	Kyle Zender	_____
Chris Deane	_____X				

Minutes of March 18, 2004 Meeting

Distributed copies and no added comments made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings

The Administration Team meets tomorrow so minutes are not available.

The Structures Team met last week, however the minutes are not available at this time. A major topic of discussion at the meeting was the escalating steel prices.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Silt Fence - Section 8-01.3(9)A – Jim Spaid reported that the department is still looking at the weight of the steel post currently being specified in this application. The materials lab is still gathering information and assessing level of risk.

Fence and Guardrail - Section 9-16 – Jim Spaid handed out a copy of this section and discussed the proposed revisions. Revisions include changes to ASTM and AASHTO references throughout the section, and approval requirements – results from certified testing labs or by QPL are acceptable.

General discussion followed, it was pointed out that problems have occurred on previous projects with the nominal size of wire – other industries typically specify minimum size.

A question was asked if a link to the AASHTO website could be added to WSDOT's website? The possibility of including this link will be looked into.

Jim asked for folks to review this section and to return comments back to him by mid June.

New Business

Steel Price Escalation - Jim Spaid shared copies of Ron Howard's e-mail dated April 2, 2004 regarding the department's position on the escalating steel prices. A Temporary Guidance letter regarding material-on-hand payment for steel items that are ordered early is included with Ron's e-mail. This guidance letter is effective until March 31, 2005 unless terminated or extended by the Construction Office.

A general comment was made that fuel costs are also escalating quickly; contractors are no longer able to lock in prices for a year.

Pavement Markings – Section 8-22.3(3) – Jim Spaid provided copies of this section and discussed the proposed revisions to the time period between paint applications. Minimum and maximum times vary dependent upon paint type; solvent based can be re-coated after 40 minutes, waterborne requires a minimum of 4 hours of cure time between applications.

A general discussion followed regarding application times, concerns were voiced that it is not always practical to wait for cure time between coats, often need to open lanes up as soon as possible.

Durable markings were also discussed; a demonstration project is underway in NC Region that calls for the application of paint with the contract. Durable markings will be applied the following year under a separate contract.

It was proposed that the requirement for the removal of temporary stripes prior to the application of durable markings be looked into. It was decided to have someone from the pavement marking industry attend the next meeting, and to also look at specifications currently being used in the Olympic Region regarding this issue and to report back. Joe and Bill will make contacts with industry.

Electrical – Section 8-20 and 9-29 – Jim Spaid brought up that the department would be looking at revisions to the electrical specifications soon. This will be placed as an item for discussion at the next meeting. He will ask for input from NW Region, Hdqts. Material Lab, and industry for the next meeting.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Galvanizing of fence products – proposed change is currently being reviewed.
- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 17, 2004** at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am**.